

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-144. (canceled)

145. (original) A fine fiber layer comprising fiber with a diameter of about 0.1 to 0.5 microns that after exposure to 140°F air and a relative humidity of 100% retains greater than 50% of the fiber unchanged.

146. (canceled)

147. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the layer retained greater than 80% of the fiber.

148. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the layer retained greater than 90% of the fiber.

149. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the temperature used is greater than 160°F.

150. (currently amended) The layer of claim 145 wherein the fiber size is 0.1 to 0.2 microns.

151. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the test period is 1 to 16 hours.

152. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the test period is 1 hour.

153. (original) The layer of claim 145 wherein the test period is 3 hours

154. (currently amended) A fine fiber layer comprising fiber with a diameter of about 0.1 to 0.5 microns that after exposure to 140°F air and a relative humidity of 100% retains greater than 30% of the fine fiber layer filtration efficiency.

155. (currently amended) The layer of claim 154 wherein the layer retains greater than 50% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.

156. (currently amended) The layer of claim 154 wherein the layer retains greater than 80% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.

157. (currently amended) The layer of claim 154 wherein the layer retains greater than 90% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.

158. (original) The layer of claim 154 wherein the temperature used is greater than 160°F.

159. (currently amended) The layer of claim 154 wherein the fiber size is 0.1 to 0.2 microns.

160. (original) The layer of claim 154 wherein the test period is 1 to 16 hours.

161. (original) The layer of claim 154 wherein the test period is 1 hour.

162. (original) The layer of claim 154 wherein the test period is 3 hours.

163. (original) A fine fiber layer comprising fiber with a diameter of about 0.01 to 0.2 microns that after exposure to 140°F air and a relative humidity of 100% retains greater than 50% of the fiber unchanged.

164. (canceled)

165. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the layer retains greater than 80%.

166. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the layer retains greater than 90%.

167. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the temperature used is greater than 160°F.

168. (currently amended) The layer of claim 163 wherein the fiber size is 0.1 to 0.2 microns.

169. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the test period is 1 to 16 hours.
170. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the test period is 1 hour.
171. (original) The layer of claim 163 wherein the test period is 3 hours.
172. (currently amended) A fine fiber layer comprising fiber with a diameter of about 0.01 to 0.2 microns that after exposure to 140°F air and a relative humidity of 100% retains greater than 30% of the fine fiber layer filtration efficiency.
173. (currently amended) The layer of claim 172 wherein the layer retains greater than 50% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.
174. (currently amended) The layer of claim 172 wherein the layer retains greater than 80% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.
175. (currently amended) The layer of claim 172 wherein the greater than 90% of the fine fiber filtration efficiency.
176. (original) The layer of claim 172 wherein the temperature used is greater than 160°F.
177. (currently amended) The layer of claim 172 wherein the fiber size is 0.1 to 0.2 microns.
178. (original) The layer of claim 172 wherein the test period is 1 to 16 hours.
179. (original) The layer of claim 172 wherein the test period is 1 hour.
- 180-189. (canceled)